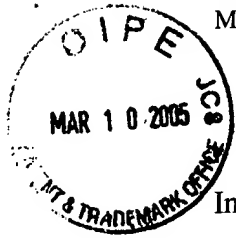


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Craig L. Stevens et al.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed on November 8, 2004  
(hereinafter the "last office action").

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time within which to  
reply to the last office action. Enclosed herewith is a check for \$120 to cover the  
extension fee. If additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition  
therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fees  
to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: